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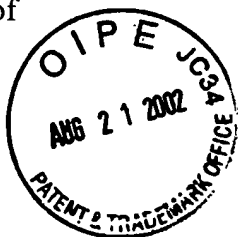
In re patent application of

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FOR CONTROLLING A FOCUS
POSITION FOR A DIGITAL
STILL CAMERA**



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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the following document, Japanese Patent Publication No. 04-002281 A, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. A copy of the listed document is provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner

A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is understood by Applicant, of the document is as follows:


The invention is directed to attaining a focus by following a major object. It is achieved by detecting the movement of the major object. A moving vector detection circuit detects the movement of the major object. The user uses a pointing device to enter the correction and revision of the gate region. The device used to be moved in the up, down, left and right directions (x and y directions) are a four-directional key switch (Fig. 6(a)), a joystick (Fig. 6(b)), or a roller ball Fig. 6(c)

This citation does not constitute an admission that the reference is relevant or material to the claims. It is only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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